

Recognizing Cause and Effect

Review A **cause** is an event that makes something happen. An **effect** is what happens. An effect may have more than one cause, and a cause may produce several effects.

A. Directions: Read each group of sentences. **Underline** the *cause* described.

1. Mrs. Scott couldn't drive Ida to school. The roads were too slippery.
2. My bicycle was stolen yesterday. I forgot to lock it downtown.
3. Few people came to the festival; so a lot of food was left over.
4. We haven't had rain for three weeks. The seeds still haven't sprouted.
5. The deer in the park have no fear of people. Hunting has always been prohibited there.

B. Directions: Read each group of sentences. **Underline** the *effect* described.

6. Jack's arm has been in a cast since October. He broke it playing football.
7. The captain rationed our water supply; as a result, we managed to survive.
8. I've never earned a penny from my inventions. Most of them are impractical.
9. Tony failed his math test. He never even opened his math textbook.
10. I lost track of time at the amusement park. So I missed the last train home.